

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image management system which comprises image management terminals and an image management server, in which ~~and wherein~~ ~~electronized~~ image data are managed using management information ~~for management~~ of said image data, wherein

said image management terminals are provided with switchover control means for sending ~~to said image management server~~ said image data and said management information stored in said image management terminals to said image management server according to instructions from a user and sharing attribute information indicating whether said image data corresponding to said management information provided in advance in said management information should be sent to said image management server, and ~~said image data and said management information stored in said image management terminals, and~~

said image management server are provided with switchover image registration means for registering with specific storage means said image data and said management information acquired from said image management terminals.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The image management system of claim 1 wherein said image management terminal is provided with:

storage place judging means for judging ~~in which~~ whether the image data selected by the user is stored~~[[,]]~~ in ~~[[said]]~~ the image management server or in the image management terminal, and

terminal data control means for forwarding or executing a control instruction for said selected image data on the basis of the ~~judgement~~ judgment by the storage place judging means.

4. (Currently Amended) An image management system which comprises image management terminals and an image management server, in which ~~and wherein~~ ~~electronized~~ image data are managed using management information ~~for management~~ of said image data, wherein

said image management terminals is configured for storing said image data and said management information for ~~[[the]]~~ a user operating said image management terminal alone to utilize,

said image management server is configured for storing said image data and said management information for a plurality of users to share, ~~[[and]]~~

~~[[said]]~~ each image management terminal ~~having~~ includes terminal data control means for management of both the image data stored in the image management terminal ~~terminals~~ and the image data stored in the image management server, and

in displaying a plurality of images simultaneously on a display screen, each image management terminal displays each of the plurality of images in a visually distinguishable manner to indicate which of said image management server or said image management terminals, image data corresponding to each image displayed is stored.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The image management system of claim 4 ~~claim 5~~ wherein each image is displayed on an individually assigned background area, and
said image management terminals assigns a first color to the background area when the
image data corresponding to the image displayed is stored in said image management server, and
assigns a second color to the background area when the image data corresponding to the image
displayed is stored in said image management terminals. ~~for said distinguishable display, different~~
~~colors are used on the background area of said image data on the display screen.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The image management system of claim 4 ~~claim 5~~ wherein each image is displayed on an individually assigned background area, and
said image management terminals assigns a first pattern to the background area when the
image data corresponding to the image displayed is stored in said image management server, and
assigns a second pattern to the background area when the image data corresponding to the image
displayed is stored in said image management terminals. ~~for said distinguishable display, different~~
~~patterns depending on whether the corresponding image data is stored in said image management~~
~~server or said image management terminals are used on the background area of said image data on~~
~~the display screen.~~

8. (Previously Presented) The image management system of claim 1 wherein said image management server further comprises:

renewal information preparation means for preparing renewal information showing the details of a renewal when the image data or management information stored in said image management server is given an addition or renewed, and

mail sending means for sending said renewal information to specific users by electronic mail.

9. (Original) The image management system of claim 8 wherein said image management server further holds information on the users classified into groups who use said image management server, and

said mail sending means sends said electronic mail to the users only who belong to the same group as the user who revised said image data or management information.

10. (Original) The image management system of claim 9 wherein said renewal information preparation means further prepares a renewal information list of renewals made for a specific period of time, and

said mail sending means sends said renewal information list.

11. (Currently Amended) The image management system of claim 1 wherein said management information includes at least one of the following:

~~key word information of image data corresponding to said management information,~~

~~link information to image data related to the image data corresponding to said management information,~~

text information obtained by optical character recognition (OCR) of image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~

layout information showing the kind and position of unit information included in the image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~

turning angle information showing the turning angle of said image data when displaying or printing out the image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~ or

folder information for classifying and keeping the image data ~~corresponding to said management information.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A image management terminal wherein ~~electronized~~ image data are managed using management information ~~for management~~ of said image data, said terminal provided with switchover control means for sending ~~to a specific image management server~~ said image data and said management information stored in said image management terminal to a specific image management server according to instructions from ~~[[the]]~~ a user and sharing attribute information indicating whether said image data corresponding to said management information provided in advance in said management information should be sent to said image management server, said image data and management information being stored.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The image management terminal of claim 12, further comprising:
~~which comprises~~

storage place judging means for judging ~~in which~~ whether the image data selected by the user is stored~~[[,]]~~ in the image management server or in the image management terminal, and

terminal data control means for forwarding or executing a control instruction for said selected image data according to the ~~judgment~~ judgement by said storage place judging means.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An image management method for management of ~~electronized~~ image data using management information ~~for management~~ of said image data, said method comprising the steps of:

~~switchover step for sending to a specific image management server~~ said image data and said management information stored in a specific image management terminal to a specific image management server according to instructions from ~~[[the]]~~ a user and sharing attribute information indicating whether image data corresponding to said management information provided in advance in said management information should be sent to said image management server, and

switchover image registration step for registering with specific storage means said image data and said management information acquired from said image management terminal.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium, bearing a program ~~for having~~ ~~an image management terminal~~—for management of ~~electronized~~ image data using management

information ~~for management~~ of said image data, ~~[[--]] execute~~ said program, when executed, causing a computer to perform the steps of:

~~instruction receiving step~~ for accepting instructions of ~~[[the]]~~ users, and

~~switchover step~~ for sending said image data and said management information stored in a specific image management terminal to a specific image management server ~~said image data and said management information stored in said image management terminal~~ on the basis of said instructions and ~~instruction receiving step~~ sharing attribute information indicating whether said image data corresponding to said management information provided in advance in said management information should be sent to said image management server.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The image management system of claim 1 ~~claim 2~~ wherein said image management terminal is provided with:

storage place judging means for judging ~~in which~~ whether the image data selected by the user is stored~~[[,]]~~ in ~~[[said]]~~ the image management server or in the image management terminal, and

terminal data control means for forwarding or executing a control instruction for said selected image data on the basis of the judgment ~~judgement~~ by the storage place judging means.

21. (Previously Presented) The image management system of claim 4 wherein said image management server further comprises:

renewal information preparation means for preparing renewal information showing the details of a renewal when the image data or management information stored in said image management server is given an addition or renewed, and

mail sending means for sending said renewal information to specific users by electronic mail.

22. (Currently Amended) The image management system of claim 4 wherein said management information includes at least one of the following:

~~key word information of image data corresponding to said management information,~~

link information to image data related to the image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~

text information obtained by optical character recognition (OCR) of image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~

layout information showing the kind and position of unit information included in the image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~

turning angle information showing the turning angle of said image data when displaying or printing out the image data ~~corresponding to said management information,~~ or

folder information for classifying and keeping the image data ~~corresponding to said management information.~~

23. (Currently Amended) The image management terminal of ~~claim 13 which comprises~~ claim 12, further comprising storage place judging means for judging ~~in which whether~~ the image data selected by the user is stored[[,]] in the image management server or in the image

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management terminal, and terminal data control means for forwarding or executing a control instruction for said selected image data according to the judgment ~~judgement~~ by said storage place judging means.